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Shriners of New England and Canada Thrill Boston with Colorful Parade

Sphinx Temple Patrol of Hartford Awarded Potentate's Trophy

OVER one thousand uniformed units and officers of the Shrine Temples of New England and Canada gathered in Boston Friday and Saturday, August 25 and 26, to participate in the meeting, parade and celebration in connection with the third annual session of the Northeastern Shrine Council.

The delegates from the eleven Temples belonging to the Council held their annual dinner and executive session Friday evening at the Hotel Kenmore where they elected Dr. Harold Bickmore Chief Rabban of Kora Temple of Lewiston, Maine, president for the ensuing year. Noble John A. Peterson, Asst. Rabban of Sphinx Temple was elected vice president, and Recorder Nedd W. Brown of Melha Temple, Springfield, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Saturday morning Boston took on the appearance of an Arabian festival city with the uniformed units of Temples from all parts of New England and Canada arriving at all transportation terminals. Dressed in their multi-colored uniforms and led by their official divans they marched to Shrine headquarters where they formed one of the largest Shrine parades seen in this part of the country for many years.

Thousands of people lined the streets on both sides to witness the procession which wound its way through the streets of Boston, arriving at Boston Common in mid-afternoon, where Mayor Maurice J. Tobin with Potentate James J. Curry and officials of the Northeastern Shrine Council reviewed the parade from a stand on the Common.

Following the review the Arab Patrols of four of the visiting Temples staged an exhibition drill before a crowd of 25,000 people.

Sphinx Temple of Hartford, Connecticut, was adjudged the winner of the Potentates' trophy for the best exhibition drill.

Led by a fife, bugle and drum corps, the Sphinx Patrol, dressed in red shoes, blouses, sashes and fezzes, yellow stockings and vests and green zouave trousers, formed the pyramid, crescent and other Shrine symbols in perfect precision.

Mount Sinai Temple patrol of Montpelier, Vermont, were judged a close second with their snappy execution and distinct fancy drilling. Their drilling was done entirely without commands. The judges, consisting of Col. Henry D. Cormerais, drill master of Aleppo Temple, Lt. Col. Ralph H. McLeod and Major Louis L. Morse, praised the drill teams very highly for their wonderful work. In addition to the patrols of Sphinx and Mount Sinai Temples, Kora Temple of Lewiston, Maine and Melha Temple of Springfield, Massachusetts also entered the competition.

The Nobles of Kora Temple wore predominating purple, carried huge sabers,

and caught the fancy of the crowd with their maneuver of a circle in which each man sat on the lap of the one behind him. They performed their drilling on the Common without music.

The Melha band, which wore costumes contrasting those of their Arab patrol, was the largest visiting contingent present and boasted of having the tallest tuba player in New England, 6 feet 6.

As a grand finale the visiting uniformed units stood at attention while the Aleppo Temple band formed in front of the reviewing stand and played the Star Spangled Banner.

In the reviewing stand were the Potentates and Chief Rabbans of the visiting Temples, who occupied the front row of the stand to review and witness the spectacle.

Following the review the parade was again formed and marched to Mechanics Building where they joined other Shriners and enjoyed a dinner, band concert and huge vaudeville show.

During the evening show, Potentate James J. Curry presented the trophy won in the prize drilling by Sphinx Temple, to Captain Leonard Keaser, captain of the Sphinx Arab patrol.

Coming Events of Aleppo Temple Clambake of New Bedford Shrine Club

Sunday, September 17, 1939
Whitfields Grove, Mattapoissett, Mass.
All Shriners invited

Clambake and Outing of Worcester Shrine Club
Sunday, September 24, 1939
Twin Oaks, Sterling, Mass.
All Shriners invited

Shrine Luncheon—Tuesday, September 26, 1939
Copley Plaza Hotel.

Shrine Luncheon—Tuesday, October 24, 1939

Fall Ceremonial—Friday, November 17, 1939
Mechanics Building, Boston.

Shrine Luncheon—Tuesday, November 28, 1939

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**VISITING TEMPLES ENJOYED
BOSTON VISIT**

THE following letters were received from officials of the Northeastern Shrine Council and indicate the feeling of those who participated in the two-day celebration in Boston in connection with the Council session August 25 and 26.

"Harvey B. Leggee,
"Asst. Recorder,
"Aleppo Temple,
"Boston, Mass.

"Dear Harvey:

"Have fully recovered from our two days' celebration in Boston attending the Northeastern Shrine Council meeting.

"A great deal of credit should be given you boys in Boston for the results of this Annual Meeting and Field Day. Personally I believe this is going to have a great deal to do with furthering the friendship of the Temples in the Northeastern district.

"We have heard nothing but the very best reports on the two days and think that you boys should be commended and congratulated on the good work that was done.

"Sincerely yours in the Faith,

"Nedd W. Brown,
"Sec'y Northeastern Shrine Council."

"Noble Frank W. Morrill,
"Treasurer Aleppo Temple,
"Boston, Mass.

"Dear Frank:

"May I express to you the thanks of Luxor Temple and my own personal thanks for taking all the trouble seeing after our paraphernalia for the Northeastern Shrine Council Meeting.

"May I also express the thanks to all the boys for the very lovely time which we had and the many courtesies which they showed to we Canadian boys.

"Wishing both you and Aleppo Temple every success in the future, and with kindest personal regards, I am

"Yours in the Faith,

"James S. Hoyt,
"Potentate Luxor Temple,
"Saint John, N.B., Canada."

"Mr. Fred K. Rogers,
"Escort to Cairo Temple,
"c/o Aleppo Temple,
"Boston, Mass.

"Dear Fred:

"I want to take this opportunity of thanking you personally, and for the patrol, for your generous hospitality and good time you gave us all in Boston.

"We were particularly fortunate, being a small unit, to have such a gracious host. It revives our belief in 'New England Hospitality.' They say it is dying out, but I don't believe it.

"If you are ever up this way, I shall consider it an affront if you don't give me an opportunity to return your entertainment.

"Very sincerely yours,

"George F. Jones,
"Captain of Cairo Patrol."

"Harvey B. Leggee, Asst. Recorder,
"Aleppo Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.,
"97 Huntington Avenue,
"Boston, Massachusetts.

"Dear Harvey:

"You are all entitled to a great deal of praise for the fine way you handled everything in connection with the annual session of the Northeastern Shrine Council at Boston. I believe that there is not a single opportunity for honest criticism by anybody who attended.

"I think this session was a beautifully conducted affair, and I believe that it will be a benefit to all Temples participating.

"Congratulating you all again on your fine team work, I am,

"Cordially yours in the Faith,

"F. Lawrence Bulfinch,
"Potentate Bektash Temple,
"Concord, N. H."

**SHRINE LUNCHEONS
TO BE RESUMED**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1939

THE Fall series of the Aleppo Temple monthly Shrine luncheons will begin with the first luncheon on Tuesday, September 26, 1939.

This luncheon will be held in the ball room of the Copley Plaza Hotel at 12:30 P.M.

Noble Lionel G. H. Palmer, chairman of the luncheon committee, advises that he has been in contact with a man who is an authority on government business and can speak on many of the subjects formulating in and around Washington which are of vital interest to us in these days of unrest.

The chairman informs us that he is not at liberty to make known the name of the speaker at this time due to the unsettled condition in Washington and Europe at the time this magazine goes to press.

However, he assures us that if the situation is not too acute at the time of our luncheon, this prominent prolocutor from Washington will be with us and give us first-hand information and an inside picture of the present conditions in connection with world affairs.

It is the intention of the luncheon committee to make known through the press and by a special post card to be mailed to those who have attended luncheons in the past, the name and subject of the speaker a few days before the event.

Nobles who have attended luncheons in the past have found them most enjoyable and interesting occasions. If you have never attended one why not make this your initial step to enjoy one of the Shrine's most popular events. Come and bring another Noble or a mason who might some day be a Shriner.

The management have assured us of a menu which will be outstanding to open up the season with and to please all who are in attendance.

So, Noble, remember the day, Tuesday, September 26—the time, 12:30 P.M.—the place, Copley Plaza Hotel ball room. Come and "Dine with the Nobility".



MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

THE following Nobles were created Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at a meeting held in Shrine headquarters, Saturday, August 26, 1939. The session was held in connection with the annual meeting of the Northeastern Shrine Council which met in Boston Friday and Saturday, August 25 and 26.

RUDOLPH F. BACHMANN of Fitchburg
BARSON C. BEDIG of Worcester
JOHN M. FAIRBANKS of Lowell
THOMAS B. HARRINGTON of Holliston
KENDALL G. HATHAWAY of Boston
HARRY K. HEDISON of Medford
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**NORTHEASTERN
SHRINE COUNCIL
ON PARADE
IN BOSTON**

AUGUST 26, 1939



Photos Courtesy Boston Globe Photogravure

Top row, Potentate James J. Curry and Mayor Maurice J. Tobin reviewing Shrine parade on Boston Common; Aleppo Mounted Patrol leading parade by reviewing stand. Bottom row, Potentate Curry and Aides entering Common; Snappy Drum Major from Melha Temple; Aleppo boys of the first platoon pass in review.

**ALEPPO TEMPLE INITIATES
EIGHT NEW MEMBERS**

A REGULAR business meeting of Aleppo Temple was held at Shrine headquarters, 97 Huntington Avenue, Boston, on Saturday, August 26, 1939 at 11:00 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of electing and obligating candidates and for business.

The reading of the records of the previous meeting was dispensed with upon motion duly carried.

Recorder Walter W. Morrison read and presented a change in by-laws which were received to be printed and voted upon at the November meeting according to provisions in our present by-laws.

Applications of aspirants for the Order were read and voted upon resulting in the election of eight new Nobles of Aleppo Temple, a list of which will be found elsewhere in this issue of THE NEWS.

Upon motion of Asst. Recorder Harvey B. Legge, duly seconded, the following distinguished Nobles who were in Boston to participate in the Northeastern Shrine Council session, were elected to Honorary membership:

- Potentate Harvey E. Knowles of Anah Temple,
- Potentate Eben Sutton of Cairo Temple,
- Potentate Ralph D. Maguire of Cyprus Temple,
- Potentate Roland H. Amos of Media Temple,
- Potentate Kenneth H. Gurney of Mount Sinai Temple,
- Potentate Frank E. Bollmann of Pyramid Temple,

Potentate Idris Alderson of Sphinx Temple,

Noble J. Richard Hungerford, Recorder of Media Temple and President of the Shrine Recorders Association of North America,

Recorder Robert M. Davies of Pyramid Temple,

Recorder William H. Duthie of Mount Sinai Temple.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the eight candidates elected were escorted into the Temple and initiated into the Order.

At the completion of the work the meeting was adjourned.



HONOR ROLL

THE following Nobles of Aleppo Temple signed the petitions of the candidates for membership who were elected and initiated at the meeting held Saturday, August 26, 1939:

- ALLEN H. BLAKE
- EDWIN N. CUMMINGS
- JAMES J. CURRY
- FRED H. GOGGIN
- WILLIAM T. GRIFFIN
- ARTHUR J. HIGGINS
- CHARLES E. HOLTON
- JOHN HOVSEPIAN
- HARVEY B. LEGGEE
- ALVEN LELAND
- GURNEY H. MACDONALD
- FRANK W. MORRILL
- WALTER L. MUZZEY
- H. HUTCHINS PARKER
- HARRY G. POLLARD
- GEORGE M. ROUNDY

**NEXT IMPERIAL COUNCIL SESSION
TO BE IN MEMPHIS, TENN.**

DURING the recent meeting of the Northeastern Shrine Council, many of the uniformed men of the different Temples who participated could be seen and heard talking and reminiscing on the recent Imperial Council Session held at Baltimore. All seemed to agree that Baltimore and Boumi Temple were perfect hosts.

Many of the boys were talking about making plans to attend the next Imperial Session June 11, 12 and 13, 1940, at which time Al Chymia Temple of Memphis, Tenn., will be host to the 66th Annual Imperial Session. The date of this session was set in Baltimore by unanimous vote of the Council, when representatives from Al Chymia Temple presented their invitation and showed the Council that it was well equipped in every way to handle a large Imperial Council Session.

So, it looks like the "Shriners will spree in Tennessee in nineteen forty."



DON'T BE A KNOCKER

WHEN the Creator had made all the good and beautiful things, in order that they might be truly appreciated, He then made the beasts and reptiles and poisonous insects. When He had finished, He had left-over scraps that were too bad to put into the rattlesnake, the hyena, the scorpion, or the skunk. So He placed all of these together, covered it with suspicion, wrapped it with jealousy, marked it with a yellow streak, and called it a KNOCKER. DON'T BE A KNOCKER.

NEW BEDFORD SHRINE CLUB OUTING SEPTEMBER 17

THE Outing which the Shrine Club of Southeastern Massachusetts will hold in Mattapoisett on Sunday, September 17, promises an active all day program with a fine clambake as the headliner of the annual event. Plans have been given thorough attention and everything is in readiness with an unusually large crowd in prospect.

Contacts have been established to circulate the Club's invitation to Nobles and their friends. The New Bedford Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, No. 114, has joined with the Shriners again this year in promoting the Field Day. It is anticipated that a group of Worcester County Club members will attend and a delegation of the Degree Staff of Aleppo is expected according to custom. Other representative numbers from Palestine Temple and the New Bedford Square and Compass Club will participate in the day's frolic.

An impromptu arrangement of entertainment will govern the morning activity with sports of all sorts available to everyone's taste. The refreshment and reception committees will be on the grounds from 10 o'clock on and a transportation coterie will be stationed at the New Bedford Hotel to arrange necessary conveyance and direct traffic to the Tinkhamtown woods.

The dinner is scheduled for 1:30 o'clock. Noble "Tom" Whitfield will have direct charge of the feature and the crowd can be assured of a perfect bake and plenty of service.

The afternoon will be devoted to field sports with athletic games and many unique contests of skill and amusement listed in the card of events.

Every care has been taken to make the day even more enjoyable than the ones which have proven so successful in the past several years. The event offers every inducement to Shriners and their friends who like to while the hours away in the pine woods and mingle with a group of real fellows. The grove at Tinkhamtown, Mattapoisett, is a choice spot for such a party and the program prepared by the Shrine Club is certain to delight everyone who attends. The boys of Southeastern Massachusetts will be happy indeed to welcome Nobles from other sections who wish to enjoy the day. Reservations may be made by communicating with officers of the Club at New Bedford.

CLUB TO VISIT SHRINE HOSPITAL

Conferences between officials of the Worcester County Shrine Club and the Southeastern Massachusetts Club have been held recently with the hope of developing a joint visit to the Springfield Crippled Children's Hospital. The plan under consideration calls for a pilgrimage from New Bedford and Worcester with the two groups meeting at an appointed hour at the Hospital. After the visit the amalgamated party would travel to some outstanding place in the vicinity of Worcester for dinner and an hour or two of social entertainment. It is suggested that the members of the Southeastern Massachusetts Club party have a picnic luncheon en route at noon. This

arrangement would not only be a pleasant experience but avoid the difficulties which might otherwise develop at the mid-day.

President William Stitt and Secretary Chas. E. Davis, Jr., of the Southeastern Massachusetts Club have discussed the program with President Joseph C. DeWolf and Secretary James R. Estes of the Worcester County Club and all are enthusiastic over the proposal. A definite decision has been delayed awaiting the approval of the governing boards of the two Clubs. If the arrangement is adopted the trip will be made on a Sunday in early October and ladies of the families of Shriners will be extended an invitation to participate. The Officers of the two Clubs feel that the visit offers a wonderful opportunity to the Nobles of their organizations. They believe, however, that it commands the interest of a definitely large number of their membership and the conduct of the program will be determined by the co-operation received.

TWO CLUB MEMBERS PASS AWAY

Two loyal Shriners, for many years devoted members of the Shrine Club of Southeastern Massachusetts, have been called to the Unseen Temple during the past few weeks. Noble William C. Zylstra of Palestine Temple died suddenly at Taftville, Conn., on Friday, July 28, and Noble Walter L. Browne of Kora Temple passed away on Saturday, August 12th.

Noble Zylstra was born in Dodgeville and following his graduation from the Grafton High School attended the New Bedford Textile School. He was connected with the textile mill industry up to the time of his death. In 1927 he became superintendent of the Booth Manufacturing Company in New Bedford and later served as general superintendent of the Spencer Mill at Spindale, N. C. A few weeks before his death Noble Zylstra accepted a position at the head of the Ponemah Mills at Taftville, Conn. His death resulted from a heart attack and cut short a career of only 52 years.

He is survived by a widow, Mrs. Emma Eldridge Zylstra of New Bedford, and his mother, Mrs. Henrietta van Zylstra of Worcester.


Noble Browne, 74 years of age, was a native of New Bedford but was engaged

for many years in the shoe business in Lynn and Swampscott. He returned to New Bedford in 1925 and continued his residence up to his death. He was a member of the Golden Fleece Lodge, Regis Chapter, O.E.S., and also the West Lynn Odd Fellows, all Lynn organizations. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Minnie J. Browne, and a brother, Edward H. Browne of Peabody.

The Shrine Club pauses in true respect to the memories of Nobles Zylstra and Browne. Both were held in high esteem by their associates in business and social circles and accomplished their work in life by the guidance of high purpose. Nobles Zylstra and Browne enjoyed their Masonic affiliations with every sincere appreciation of the fine values of the fraternity. They gave both spirit and work to the program of the Shrine Club.

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By NOBLE J. ARTHUR McCoy
Associate Editor

MANY of the boys are looking forward to seeing the moving pictures taken on the Baltimore trip by Noble Chapman. Those pictures, recording official events, will also serve to remind the Nobles of personal experiences that are "off the record." What a treat it would be if we could see pictures of some of our trips to cities across the country ten and twenty years ago! One of the "boys" recently described to me events that he remembered on the trip to St. Paul in 1908. As Eddie Freeman has often said: "we don't know what's ahead for us in the future, but nothing can take away the memories of those trips in years gone by."

We hear much about the fine hospitality provided by the people of Baltimore on this last trip. And one Noble told us that he enjoyed the cordiality of his hosts so much that he let them show him places that he knew well, but told them that it was his first visit to the city. Those of us who seldom visit faraway cities are bound to judge a city by the impressions gained on a one-time visit. One Noble was surprised to find Baltimore to be a rainy city like Los Angeles.

I am fortunate in being able to quote from a letter from the management of the Alcazar Club to Major Vaughan, which shows the fine feeling engendered by the visit of the Aleppo units with the gentlemen of that club.

"Major B. R. Vaughan,

"Dear Major:

"Please accept our apology for not answering your letter sooner. The writer was away for a while on a short vacation and upon returning, awaited an opportunity to present your letter of commendation to the Board of Directors at their regular monthly meeting. It might interest you to know that the same has been made part of the minutes of the Board meeting of July 25.

"Please accept the writer's thanks for the kind expressions contained in your letter, and also believe me when I say that I do hope our paths cross again.

"Would thank you to remember us to all the members of the Divan and extend to them an invitation to be our guest here at the Club whenever they are in Baltimore.

"With kindest personal regards, we are,

"Respectfully yours,

"Thomas L. Keating, Mgr."

For some of our Nobles life is just one good time after another. The following were guests of Dr. Beckman, at his summer home at Annisquam, August 16: Al Thorley and Mrs. Thorley, Bob Boehner and Mrs. Boehner, Steve Mathewson and Mrs. Mathewson, Herman McStay and Mrs. McStay, Walter Surridge and Mrs. Surridge, George Shackford, Russ Lynn and Frank Morrill. Obviously, they were entertained like royalty and to develop a proper appetite for dinner, had a four-hour cruise in the doctor's big motor boat.

ATTRACTIVE INEXPENSIVE FALL TRIPS

LATE vacationists are fortunate in having the finest time of the year to travel for colorful scenery, cooler weather, with lower rates and better accommodations from the transportation lines and hotels when they are not so crowded.

Mr. Colpitts states that his company is arranging a great many inexpensive trips for the Nobles having Fall vacations, such as trips to Bermuda, Norfolk, Washington, Savannah, Miami, Nassau, Havana, West Indies and South America. These trips take from five to fifteen days and they are very popular and most reasonably priced. Also scenic motor coach trips to Virginia and North Carolina "Land of the Sky", Blue Ridge and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park during September when the country is most beautiful. There are a great variety of trips to the New York World's Fair, such as going by steamer, including meals and stateroom, or going via motor coach or rail over the Mohawk Trail to Albany and steamer down Hudson River by daylight, finest river and mountain scenery in America, to New York.

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SCOTTISH RITE BODIES TO INITIATE RECORD CLASS OF CANDIDATES SEPTEMBER 25

SCOTTISH RITE Masons of this Valley will participate in an outstanding experience this month when Massachusetts Consistory confers the Thirty-Second degree upon a large class of distinguished Masons in Symphony Hall on September 25th. This unusual ceremony will take place in the body of the Supreme Council 33rd of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction and delegates to the International Conference of the World as well as 33rd degree members from the various parts of the United States will be present.

After the ceremonies at Symphony Hall a very unusual dinner will be given at the Hotel Copley Plaza during which the active members of the Supreme Council will be presented to the Class of Initiates, their sponsors and others present. All candidates will be presented with a special engraved medal in commemoration of the occasion. This dinner is under the auspices of the four Boston Scottish Rite Bodies, and many distinguished guests will be present. Selected music will be appropriately furnished at this dinner by Aleppo Temple Shriner's Band under the leadership of Noble Walter Smith.

The International Conference opens on Saturday, September 23rd, with an elaborate program of business, interspersed with rare entertainment concluding on Friday, September 29th. The headquarters of the Conference will be at the Hotel Statler where business and official meetings will be held.

Our hearty congratulations to the members of this distinguished Class who will ever remember this outstanding Masonic experience and the splendid fellowship created.



AND SEE WHAT HAPPENED!

A CERTAIN Noble of Aleppo Temple recently went hunting in the woods. A terrible storm came up. He looked for shelter, but there was none. It began to rain in torrents, so he crawled into a hollow log. It fitted snugly. The rain lasted for hours and hours and the water soaked through the wood. The log began to contract. When the storm was over, he could not get out. The log held him tight. The Noble knew that if he could not free himself he would die of starvation. His whole life flashed before him, especially his mistakes. Suddenly he recalled that he had not sent in his dues for the current year. This made him feel so small that he was able to crawl out of the log without difficulty. (Ancient legend that has been passed from pillar to post throughout Shrine-dom.)

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PAST IMPERIAL POTENTATE RAHN LIKES THE ALEPPO NEWS

THE following letter was received from Past Imperial Potentate Andrew A. D. Rahn who retired as Imperial Potentate in June at the Baltimore Session of the Imperial Council.

Being human we like to hear words of praise for our efforts in burning the mid-night oil to give to the members of Aleppo a magazine they will enjoy. We hope many of our members feel the same way Illustrious Noble Rahn does. If they do, the best way they can show us is by sending in some Shrine news once in a while. How about it, Noble?

"Mr. Harvey B. Leggee,
"Editor, Aleppo News,
"97 Huntington Avenue,
"Boston, Mass.

"Dear Noble Leggee:

"I appreciate publication in the July Aleppo News of my message to the Records of Temples.

"I commend you for the fine, snappy, newsy magazine you issue. Keep the good work up. It gives to all your membership notice of your activities. Informative articles such as 'A Suggestion to Masons' in these busy days gives the average Noble some information as to what Masonry really is.

"Remember me to your Associate Editors, to Noble George H. Wood, your Business Manager (note the fine line of ads he has), also your Illustrious Potentate, James J. Curry, and your Illustrious Recorder, Walter Morrison.

"I want to take this opportunity to extend to you my thanks and appreciation for the fine support that you and other representatives of the Imperial Council gave me during the past year.

"With kind personal regards, I am,

"Sincerely yours in the Faith,

"A. A. D. RAHN,

"Past Imperial Potentate"

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FREEMASONRY IN AMERICA

Freemasonry in America first appeared in Pennsylvania in 1731. The first duly constituted lodge in America was the First Lodge of Boston, now known as St. John's Lodge, constituted in July, 1733. The first native-born American to be made a Mason was Jonathan Belcher, born in Boston in 1681, and made a Mason in Europe in 1704. He was governor of Massachusetts and New Hampshire from 1730 to 1741.

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"OH DEAR, WHAT CAN THE MATTER BE."

THE big time in local Shrinedom occurred on August 26th when the Northeastern Council of Shrines held their annual meeting in Boston. It was a huge success, but "Oh dear, what can the matter be?" with our press agents. They must have been asleep at the switch as the folks on the side lines over the line of March were few and far between. A lot of people did not know a darned thing about it until they read the Sunday papers. However, it was a good show, and the band turned out with eighty in line, which was not a bad showing for the vacation season.

We have wondered sometimes if it would not be better to have these affairs about a month later, that is in September; the weather is very apt to be fine and everyone is back from vacationing.

The weather man tried to fool those of us who got up early in the morning and it looked like rain, but Old Sol came out and chased the clouds away, and by the time the parade got under way it was fairly hot. Boston Common was the center of attraction and a goodly crowd gathered there to watch the exhibition drill.

Pyramid Temple band had a couple of big brass disks, sort of gong-like affairs, on which a couple of bewhiskered Arabs banged occasionally. Each disk was slung on poles between two colored gentlemen, who reminded us of Gunga Din, because—"The uniform 'e wore was nothin' much before, an' rather less than 'arf o' that be'ind," but they sure did look cool.

After the parade the band gave a short concert in the main hall and did a hand-sewed job that was fully appreciated by the audience, especially the solo by our leader, who had to respond with an encho-re.

Aleppo's uniformed bodies were in "Summer" uniforms, which meant white shirts, sans vests and sans coats. We think they would have looked better if they hadn't shucked the coat, as somehow this summer rig reminds of the Societe San Luigi from the North End starting out on a picnic. However, these "fat fellers" were probably more comfortable even if they did not look so snappy.

The Black Camel again knelt at the tent of one of our Nobles last month, namely—Noble Bayard Taylor, one of the bass players. Noble Taylor used to be a constant attendant at band functions but the past two or three years has been in rather ill health.

We were sorry to learn that Noble George Buckingham and his better half met with a serious accident down in Maine recently. They started out on a trip at 4 o'clock in the morning and somewhere down near York Beach the car swerved into a telegraph pole and careened into a field bringing up against

a big boulder. The car was a complete wreck, and it was lucky that both were not killed. We understand George had his arm fractured in several places and had a big gash in his jaw that required several stitches to close. Mrs. Buckingham escaped without any broken bones but was badly shaken up, and both were in the York hospital for several weeks. Noble Buckingham managed to get Mrs. Buckingham out onto the roadside and the first car that came along happened to be a doctor's, so they were fortunate in having prompt medical assistance.

Before another issue of the News band rehearsals will no doubt be under way for the season, and we hope the boys will turn out in goodly numbers and regain some of the old time enthusiasm. All they need is a little encouragement.

We will now play "No. 41 in the black book." (That is if we can remember it and we think we can).

C. C. F.



"I KNOW SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT YOU"

WOULDN'T this old world be better,
If the folks we meet would say,
"I know something good about you,"
And then treat us just that way?

WOULDN'T it be fine and dandy,
If each handclasp, warm and true
Carried with it this assurance,
"I know something good about you?"

WOULDN'T life be lots more happy
If the good that's in us all
Were the only thing about us
That folks bothered to recall?

WOULDN'T life be lots more happy
If we praised the good we see?
For there's such a lot of goodness
In the worst of you and me.

WOULDN'T it be nice to practice
That fine way of thinking too?
You know something good about me!
"I know something good about you?"

—Selected

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